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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

"Rule 158

"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members.

"Rule 159

"The members of the Committee on Contributions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Contributions at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Iqbal Akhund (Pakistan)**
Mr. Pieter Johannes Bierma (Netherlands)*
Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia)***
Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile)*
Mr. David Etuket (Uganda)***
Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis (Australia)*
Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil)**
Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine)***

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Mr. Ju Kuilin (China)**
Ms. Isabelle Klais (Germany)**
Mr. David A. Leis (United States of America)***
Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation)**
Mr. Atilio Norberto Molteni (Argentina)*
Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania)*
Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy)**
Mr. Prakash Shah (India)***
Mr. Omar Sirry (Egypt)*
Mr. Kazuo Watanable (Japan)***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Bierma, Mr. Chaparro Ruiz, Mr. Francis, Mr. Molteni, Mr. Ould El Ghaouth and Mr. Sirry will expire on 31 December 1998, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-third session to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 1999.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-third session.